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From the Sports Desk with John English

Brewer Soccer Boys to Face South Hills High School in First Round of Playoffs

The Brewer boy's soccer team made history last week en route to a 9-1-2 district record.

Brewer beat Azle by a score of 5-1 on Friday, and coach Rafael Franco said his team played exceptionally well.

"The game against Azle was just what we expected," Franco said. "A very strong defense and midfield. However, our boys were able to capitalize on the chances they created with fast movement of the ball."

Franco said he had a couple of stand out efforts in the game.

"Jaime Ledezma had a great performance scoring two goals," Franco said. "Luis Solís also had a great performance. He is returning from an injury, and he scored one goal."

Franco said he could not have asked for from his team for the regular season and said his players have a lot to be proud of.

"Being the first ever district championship in Brewer soccer history means a lot to our boys," Franco said. "They have worked extremely hard for it, and they deserved it. We will open first round of playoffs against South Hills High School. We expect a very strong opponent and just like us, they are going to do their best to win."

The venue and time for the game was determined after the paper had gone to press.

On the diamond, the Brewer baseball team competed in the Spring Break Bash and coach Gilbert Ramirez said his team had a solid showing in the tournament and the non-district season as a whole.

"We went 2-3 this weekend at the Spring Break Bash," Ramirez said. "We finished the tournament season with a 8-7-1 record versus some great teams."

On the mound, Trey Ramirez (5IP, 2H, 0R, 8Ks), Nick Johnson (4IP, 6Ks), Andrew Moralez (4IP, 0ER, 3K) and Jayden Ayala (4IP, 5Ks) had good performances in the tournament.

At the plate, Blayne Senger (3-6, .500 BA) Brayden Squires (5-12, 2B, 3B, 4RBI, .417 BA), Peyton Taff (5-12, 3 triples, .417 BA) and Jake

Ramirez (4-11, .364 BA) had strong efforts.

Ramirez said he feels like the non-district schedule did a good job of getting his team ready for the level of competition they will face in district.

"We scheduled a tough tournament season to help prepare us for our highly competitive district schedule and I feel like our kids have shown a lot of growth over the past three weeks," Ramirez said.

In softball, Brewer defeated Wichita Falls Rider by a score of 9-2 last Tuesday.

From the White Settlement Historical Society

White Settlement Historical Society to Meet March 25

The White Settlement Historical Society will gather for their 48th Spring Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, March 25 at the White Settlement Senior Center located at 8211 White Settlement Rd.

Society President and Historian Tracy Jon Houpt will give a presentation including old photographs for Women's History Month on "The Exciting and Interesting Life of Verna Burns Stubbs."

Mrs. Stubbs was a female aviator and former local resident, owner of the Stubbs Ranch from 1945, now known as Tannahill Station.

Members, family, friends and the general public are invited to attend the meeting. Light refreshments will be served. Society Memberships are available at \$10 Single and \$15 Family/Group annually and help to fund an annual \$500 BHS Society Scholarship, maintain several local historic cemeteries and other related activities.

Call 817-246-9719 or visit <http://www.wsmuseum.com/WSHS> for more details or any questions.

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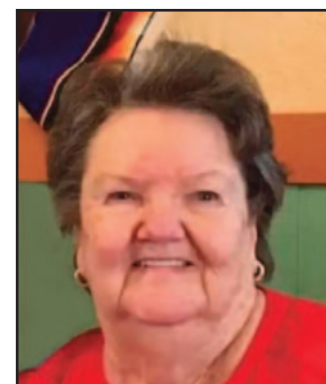
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Obituary



Sylvia Louise Aycock

Sylvia Louise Aycock, 85, passed from this life on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. \

A funeral service was held Monday, March 13, 2023, at Capstone Church, 4823 W. Loop 820 S., Benbrook, Texas, officiated by Pastor Parkey Cobern, with burial at Laurel Land Memorial Park, 7100 Crowley Rd, Fort Worth, Texas 76134.

Sylvia was born July 6, 1937, in Greensboro, Alabama to Claude Elmer Myrick and Rosie Lee (Johns) Myrick.

She was a member of Capstone Church in Benbrook, Texas. Sylvia lived her life with love and kindness, giving herself to her family and close friends. Sylvia was a dedicated homemaker and enjoyed the company of her dogs, Lady and Buster.

Sylvia was preceded in death by two husbands, Kenneth Taylor and Roy Aycock; grandson, Kenny Wilcoxon; parents, Claude and Rosie Myrick; and siblings, Claude Myrick, Jr., Wilma Gist, Lowell Myrick, and Jimmy Myrick.

Sylvia is survived by: her daughters, Donna Taylor and Kathy Aycock (John); step daughter, Suzanne Campbell (Jack); grandchildren, Holleh Vansant (Tim), Shion Neyestanki, Joe Wilcoxon, Jimmy Wilcoxon (Shelly), Michael Wilcoxon (Victoria), Stephanie Methe (Jimmy), Amber Wilcoxon, and John-John Aycock; great grandchildren, Selah, Evie, Auburn, Cash, River, Bella, Jackson, Colbey, Natalie, and Lynly; and sister, Shirley Midkiff (Cleveland).

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Making Sense of College Costs and Financial Aid

That moment when your child receives an acceptance letter to a coveted college is a time to feel pride in their achievements and excited about their future. It’s also a time to make sense of the school’s price tag. That’s where financial award letters come into play.

“You’ll receive an award letter from each school your student was accepted to listing all the details of the financial aid package,” says Angela Colatriano, College Ave Student Loans. “This information helps you figure out what’s covered and how much your family is expected to pay.”

Unfortunately, if you’re like many parents, you may not be prepared for everything you read in these award letters. In a recent College Ave Student Loans survey, only 30 percent of parents who received award letters said they received as much aid as they expected, and 74 percent said they found the expected family contribution surprisingly high. Colatriano also notes that because the layout of these letters varies from school to school, it can be hard to compare their terms.

To help you decipher your financial aid award letters and figure out how to pay for college this fall, consider these tips and insights:

1. Sort grants and scholarships from other aid: If your child was awarded a federal grant or scholarships from the college, they will be listed on your award letter. These do not need to be repaid and are applied directly to the school’s tuition. You can also pursue outside scholarships. One easy one to apply for is the College Ave \$1,000 monthly scholarship sweepstakes. Encourage your student to apply for scholarships year-round, as every little bit helps.

2. Delve into federal aid: The award letters will show you if your student qualified for the Federal Work-Study program. Likewise, schools will list any federal student loans you’re eligible to receive. Don’t forget to complete the Free Application for Federal

Student Aid (FAFSA) each year to qualify.

3. Meet the gap: If after accounting for grants, scholarships and federal aid there is still a gap between school costs and what you can afford, consider how you can reduce costs or get more funding. For example, you may reconsider your choice of school or have your student take on a part-time job. You might also want to shop around for a private student loan. If you do so, make sure you borrow only what you need. Also, look for a lender offering favorable terms, repayment options and interest rates. College Ave Student Loans offers resources to help you navigate paying for college, including a student loan calculator to show what your monthly payments could look like. To learn more, visit CollegeAve.com.

4. Look before you leap: Remember that most types of financial aid come with terms and conditions. For example, a scholarship may require a student to maintain a certain GPA for it to be renewed the following semester. Federal and private loans will have interest rates and repayment terms. Before accepting or pursuing any type of financial aid, be sure you understand what’s involved.

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Former President of Mexico, Antonio López de Santa Anna

by Dr. Ken Bridges

He was one of the last presidents of Mexico to rule over Texas and is always portrayed as one of the great villains of Texas History. Santa Anna is an overwhelming presence in the history of early Mexico, shaping much of the direction of the country in that time period, and Texas by extension. His role in the history of Mexico is much more complicated. He was president of Mexico on 11 different occasions until being overthrown, he was a constant foe of Texas and the United States, he was responsible for events from chewing gum to the disaster at the Alamo. Santa Anna's impact on history cannot be denied.

Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna was born in eastern Mexico in 1794, one of seven children. His father was a respected and modestly successful lawyer under Spanish colonial rule. However, his father was often frustrated by the Spanish crown granting political appointments to ambitious Spaniards close to the royal family rather than those colonists born in Mexico. He tried to push his son into a career as a businessman, but his mother managed to get him appointed as an officer in the Spanish army at the age of 16.

By 1810, Mexico and most of Latin America was in chaos following Napoleon's occupation of Spain. That year, Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla sparked a rebellion of the lower classes in Mexico, calling for racial equality for Mexico's many different minority groups and for land reform. Santa Anna fought against the rebels. In 1813, he made his first venture into Texas by defeating the Gutierrez-Magee Expedition, an ill-fated attempt by a ragtag private army to take over the area. Serving under Gen. Jose Joaquin de Arredondo, Santa Anna learned his techniques for regaining control in the midst of rebellion – mass executions.

Santa Anna was part of the brutal suppression of the uprising, mercilessly slaughtering 300 rebels in San Antonio and leaving the bodies hanging in the trees. By 1815, the rebellion throughout Mexico had been largely suppressed. When a coup in Spain overthrew the absolute monarchy in favor of a constitutional government in 1820, aristocrats in Mexico rebelled, fearing for the future of their elite status. Gen. Augustin de Iturbide led the revolt, and seeing the political winds changing, Santa Anna joined forces with Iturbide. By 1821, Iturbide was proclaimed emperor of Mexico; and Santa Anna was rewarded by being given command of Veracruz, Mexico's most important port city.

Between 1823 and 1862, the average term of a Mexican president was nine months. Resignations, coups, and mysterious deaths became a fact of life in Mexican politics, with Santa Anna increasingly at the center of the chaos. Santa Anna participated in the rebellion against Iturbide that led to the creation of a republic in 1823. In 1827 as Mexico conducted an election, Santa Anna and a number of other generals declared they would ignore the results and launched an attack on the government. With Santa Anna's help, a new president was installed by the military.

Santa Anna led Mexican troops against Spain's attempt to reclaim Mexico in 1829. He repelled the Spanish invasion at the Battle of Tampico. For the ambitious officer rising through the ranks, the results were everything he wanted. His popularity soared, and he christened himself "The Napoleon of the West."

After the vice-president seized the presidency for himself in 1830,

he arrested his predecessor and placed him on trial. After the former president's execution in 1831, protests erupted across Mexico. Seeing the opportunity, Santa Anna gathered his forces and launched a rebellion against the new government. Crushed under the weight of Santa Anna's attacks, Bustamante agreed to step down while the different factions agreed to new elections. Santa Anna was elected president overwhelmingly in 1833.

As president, Santa Anna was at the height of Mexico's political power. But he soon became bored with the position. After a month in office, he stepped down in favor of Vice-President Valentin Farias and returned to his estate in Veracruz. Farias continued to take orders from Santa Anna and pursued a number of reforms while tackling an immense national debt. After these reforms began angering conservatives, Santa Anna returned to Mexico City to reclaim the presidency, forcing Farias to resign. This process would continue three more times between the summer of 1833 and January 1835. As a result, instability and factionalism arose again and the government's control over the country weakened.

In 1834, Santa Anna dissolved Congress. He abolished the 1824 constitution and arbitrarily imposed a new constitution in January 1835 to restore order before stepping down from the presidency once again. Instead of order, revolution erupted across Mexico as the people demanded their rights be restored. Protests erupted across the country. Several states declared themselves in rebellion. Yucatan declared its independence and several northern states declared their independence as the Republic of the Rio Grande. Santa Anna retook command of the army and brutally crushed these rebellions across the country.

Texas settlers, mostly Americans, had grown tired of the abuses by Mexico and began their own rebellion, the Texas Revolution. Once Santa Anna restored order in Mexico, he rode north to Texas with his forces to suppress the rebels. This would lead to the bloody massacres at the Alamo and at Goliad in early 1836, moments that would leave an indelible mark on Texas History.

In 1836, Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, the president and general who dominated the political scene in Mexico, rose into Texas with his army, with destruction on his mind. He was determined to put down the uprising of the Texas colonists. He had spent months campaigning across Mexico to put down other rebellions, stepping down from the presidency to do it. Nevertheless, he was at the height of his power in Mexico; and for his opponents, including Texas, he was at the height of his cruelty.

When he reached San Antonio, he found he found the small outpost on the edge of the town defiantly standing their ground. The Alamo was once part of a Spanish mission complex. Determined to eradicate any opposition, Santa Anna settled in for a siege on Feb. 23. The Texans put up a furious resistance though they were outnumbered perhaps as much as 10:1. Santa Anna watched his own casualties increase. Col. William B. Travis sent word out, asking for reinforcements, but none were coming. On March 6, he ordered a final assault, signaling to the Texans there would be no quarter. More than 180 Texans died defending the Alamo, but Santa Anna had three times as many casualties.

Three weeks later, Santa Anna re-

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peated his depredations. More than 400 Texas troops, led by Col. James Fannin, had surrendered at Goliad. On March 27, Santa Anna ordered their execution. Each man was to die for defying him. The general had overseen these tactics since he was a young officer; but even in the years before the Geneva Convention and the fair treatment of prisoners, the Goliad Massacre was still condemned an atrocity.

Texas forces led by Gen. Sam Houston were preparing for Santa Anna's march eastward. But Santa Anna's arrogance would be his downfall. At the Battle of San Jacinto, near modern-day Houston, on April 27, he allowed his troops to rest for the afternoon while Houston gathered his forces. In a surprise assault, Houston overpowered the Mexican army, forcing their surrender. Santa Anna, however, had escaped. Instead of standing with his men, he turned and ran. A Texas patrol found him some time later, disguised as a private. After his captured troops in their stockade gave him away under cries of "Presidente," the Texans realized who they had captured.

Santa Anna was brought before Houston, still in the private's uniform and totally humiliated. He agreed to recognize Texas independence and order the withdrawal of all Mexican troops in Texas. Mexico refused to recognize the treaty, and Santa Anna was sent to the United States.

After he was allowed to return in 1837, he found himself powerless. When France attempted to invade Mexico in 1838, the new government allowed him to take command of an army unit. Called the "Pastry War" after debts owed to French citizens, Santa Anna fought several battles with the French. During one fight, he was shot in the hand and the leg. The leg was amputated, and Santa Anna ordered it be buried with full military honors. In spite of a peace treaty that forced Mexico to pay off the French, Santa Anna was now seen as a hero again. Afterward, he led a coup against the government, leading Mexico again for four months before stepping down once again. Santa Anna was at the center of Mexico's political chaos in this period, and he still looked to another attack on Texas as revenge for his humiliation during the Texas Revolution.

The career of Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna brought him to the height of power in Mexican politics, serving as president on eleven different occasions though he preferred to be leading his armies in the field. His career had also brought him nearly into political oblivion. In spite of the many problems Mexico faced and the disaster of his surrender to Gen. Sam Houston at the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836 and his roles in many coups against elected governments, Mexico still reluctantly turned to him in times of crisis by the late 1830s and into the 1840s.

By 1841, he had clawed his way back into the presidency. He led a nation that was deeply divided and near bankruptcy. Instead of concentrating on Mexico, he turned his eyes toward Texas and revenge.

Santa Anna led a raid into Texas in 1842. By September, he reached San Antonio and captured the city. Texas troops attempted to retake the town, leading to the Battle of Salado Creek just on the outskirts. Mexican troops killed 36 Texas troops in what was called the Dawson Massacre. In spite of Mexico's numerical superiority, they suffered heavy casualties and retreated back into San Antonio. A few days later, Mexican troops headed south and returned to Mexico. It was the last time Santa Anna was in Texas. The incident convinced most Texans to

pursue annexation to the United States once again. Santa Anna left office a month later. He was president twice more before being overthrown in 1844 and forced into exile in Cuba.

When the U. S. and Mexico went to war in 1846, Santa Anna returned and led the army once again. At the Battle of Buena Vista in February 1847, Santa Anna led a much larger force against the U.S. but faced difficult resistance. The Americans weren't going to give in, but Santa Anna was gaining the advantage. Poised for victory after two days of fighting, Santa Anna suddenly left the battlefield in the dead of night. In his arrogance, he was more interested in the political drama in Mexico City as the government disintegrated. The retreat allowed American forces to advance rapidly southward. He installed himself as president again but stepped down weeks later to fight American forces approaching the capital. While Santa Anna delayed American forces, Mexico ultimately surrendered.

Mexico was forced to give up territory from California to Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico. In yet another indignity to the self-proclaimed "Napoleon of the West," Illinois forces captured Santa Anna's amputated and buried leg from the 1838 Pastry War with France and took it back to the United States, sparking a diplomatic dispute that has lasted for decades.

By 1853, he was once again president. He ruled with the same heavy hand. Instead of due process or free speech, his opponents usually saw the army seizing their property. Seeing Mexico's treasury bankrupt again, he agreed to a land deal with the U.S. He agreed to sell portions of southern Arizona and southern New Mexico in what is now known as the Gadsden Purchase. After having lost nearly half their territory to the U. S., his opponents had finally had enough of Santa Anna. In what came to be called the Liberal Revolution, a coalition of generals, aristocrats, and high-ranking politicians forced Santa Anna from office in 1855. His successors embarked on an ambitious program of reforms to undo the harsh and dictatorial policies that had marked his presidency and restore civil liberties to the people.

Santa Anna bounced around the Caribbean for a while before ending up in New York. He tried his hand at business. He tried selling Mexican chicle, a natural gum used since ancient times, to use on buggy and carriage tires instead of rubber. Thomas Adams bought a large shipment, but it proved a poor substitute. Instead, Adams began selling chicle as chewing gum, introducing the popular treat to Americans in part because of Santa Anna.

France invaded Mexico in 1862 after a debt dispute and seized Mexico City, while President Benito Juarez launched a long insurgency to defend the country. By 1865, hoping to be the hero of the nation again, Santa Anna offered to return to Mexico to lead the army against its invaders. Seeing the pattern that had marked so much of Santa Anna's career, Juarez refused. In the meantime, Santa Anna tried to raise money for an army while in New York City, only to see these efforts falter. After Mexico repelled the French in 1867, Santa Anna continued to live in the United States.

In 1874, Santa Anna was offered amnesty and was allowed to return to Mexico. His return was met with little fanfare. Barely able to walk, deep in debt, and almost blind, he lived his remaining days quietly. He died in 1876 at age 82, with Mexico still unsure how to place him in its history.

Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

VFW Post 5617 Hosts Corn Hole Tournament



Bertha Rivera, Juan Caldera, Wesley Green, Justin Dunn and David Chavez represented the “LDW Baggers” from Wise county in the Corn Hole tournament.



Cash Garrett, Reef Woodson and Talley O’Neal came out to show their support.

Commander Ernie MonDragon from VFW Post 5617 recently opened the facility for a Corn Hole Tournament. Several individuals and groups from Fort Worth, Granbury, Benbrook, Stephenville, Arlington, Sanger, Denton and Gainesville came out to participate and enjoy fun, fellowship and the competition of Corn Hole!



Kalen Miller, VFW Post 5617 Commander Ernie MonDragon and John Miller pose for a photo op at the Post.



Pictured left: Hunter Hailey from Benbrook participated in the event.

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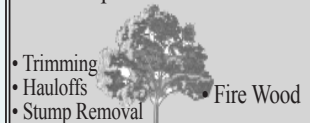
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PM - Partly cloudy; low around 35. N wind 5-15mph, with gusts as high as 25mph.



Saturday, March 18:

AM - Mostly sunny; high near 56. N/NW wind 5-10mph.
PM - Mostly cloudy; low around 36. E/NE wind around 10mph.



Sunday, March 19:

AM - Mostly cloudy; high near 52.
PM - A 20% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy; low around 38.

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